

The GAVEL

Nelson & Co. Win 7th Straight

Teachers met teachers in Bridgewater Saturday night. For the fourth time Fitchburg brought home the much coveted Harrington trophy. Bridgewater received a surprise! They were so sure of victory that they even planned a victory dance.

The scene was set for a real game with lots of spirit on both sides. Tonsil removing cheers from both sides stirred both teams to the point of maximum endeavor. The rapidity of play caused many fouls until Lat was forced to leave the floor. Jerry went in and for a time it looked as if the rest of the game would be spent shooting technical fouls. Final score. 55-30.

Leading scorer-Lahtinen with 23 points; next Andrews with 15; Johnson with 8; Fillback with 7; and Turner with 2.

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Mr. Frank Crosier, men's athletic director at our College, has written an article appearing in the December issue of "The Coach" a magazine with a nationwide circulation. The article entitled "Educating the Public in Basketball" is an exposition on the use of the demonstration game, a proposed organization, its execution, the outcomes or results of such a device.

Many favorable comments have been made on the article. Mr. Crosier, a strong advocate of basketball, is to be congratulated.

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Remaining School Calendar

For your information we are printing the remaining dates on the approved social calendar. It is complete and well-balanced.

Jan. 25 - Debating Club

Feb. 7 - M.S.A. Banquet

Feb. 8&9 - Winter Carnival

8th - Carnival Ball

9th - Mohawk Play & Hockey

Feb. 15 - Junior Prom

Feb. 16 - Basketball Holy Cross vs. F.T.C. at the Armory

Feb. 23 to Mar. 1 - Vacation

Mar. 15 - Gaveleer-Mohawk Dance
 April 11 - Dramatic Club
 April 25 - Gaveleer Entertainment
 April 27-May 4 - Vacation
 May 10 - Senior Prom
 May 18 - Alumni Homecoming
 May 24 - Saxifrage Dance
 June 15 - Class Day
 Senior Class Play
 June 17 - Commencement

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Band Makes Debut!

An overwhelming answer to the cynics of our school spirit was made when a group of students organized, rehearsed, and were able to present a good program of band music at the Rhode Island game. With the few instruments they have they are doing a good job and we extend our congratulations. May the first band of F. T. C. grow and strengthen.

SENIOR ELECTIVES

The faculty Committee on Curriculum has issued two programs to the members of Sr. E4, Sr. J4 and Sr. P.A. These programs have provided for the regular prescribed courses and elective offerings. Each section will take electives totalling six semestre hours. Thirteen courses are offered in the fields of Biology, Education, Psychology, Play Production, Physical Education, Literature, Music, History, Astronomy and Geology, Mathematics, and Civil Engineering.

Provided ten or more students apply for a course, and if a faculty member is available, the course will be offered. It is interesting to note that the Sen. P.A. program does not call for any shop work during the next semestre.

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SAXIFRAGE SETS PRECEDENT

The first annual stunt night went over with a bang. Lack of room prevents comment on each individual act, but we can say

that each act was the "top", with the W.A.A., the M.A.A., and the Senior Class programs leading the way.

This kind of entertainment is one where everyone has a chance to show what he or she can do, and in the future we hope that the programs will contain much more talent and be given a little more attention.

"How ya', boys?"

"Hi, Tim!"

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

The programs of the last two Assemblies were of the highest, and were well received.

Two weeks ago we had the pleasure of listening to Colonel Furlong's most interesting lecture on Devil's Island. This program was one of the best of the year.

Mr. John Percival, baritone, of Boston provided the entertainment for last week's Assembly, and performed in an excellent manner. He created that kind of atmosphere which can only be appreciated, not described.

On Jan. 29, Captain Stanley Osbourne, whom we've had the pleasure of hearing before, will present a picture of population problems and the economic geography of the Union of South Africa.

Feb. 5 - Dr. Charles M. Merlihy, President of the College, will deliver his annual address of the second semester.

Feb. 12 - Hans Helms, of the Teachers College at Columbia, will talk and demonstrate upon the possibilities of the human voice and its control.

Feb. 19 - A distinctive assembly will be presented by Epsilon Pi Tau, the honorary Practical Arts fraternity.

March 5 - The Assembly for this date promises something new and exciting. Mischa Tulin, a Russian musician, will demonstrate the use and possibilities of a new musical instrument called the Theremin,

which produces musical sound by electrical means alone. When any object, such as the human hand, is brought into the sensitive electric field surrounding the vertical antenna, the field is so affected that audio-frequencies (sounds) are produced. Even science cannot explain it.

March 12 - A program of Irish music will be presented Miss Agnes Clune Quinlan of Philadelphia.

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WEBSTER ENGAGEMENT PENDING

If suitable arrangements can be made, our Dramatic Club will go to Webster to present "The Servant In The House". No date has been set, but it is expected to be some time during the latter part of February.

The excellence of the work of the Dramatic Club travelled rapidly which resulted in a Webster organization contracting for a date.

With all the time and energy necessary to put on this play, it seems only fair that the actors be given an opportunity to re-play it. We wish them great success.

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SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

On several pages of this issue will be found the names of some of the business firms which cooperated with the Dramatic Club by their purchase of tickets to "The Servant In The House", and the display of play posters in their establishments.

Patronize these firms, tell the organizations that you are from the Teachers College, help to bring to their attention that we represent a strong purchasing unit in the city.

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SIDE PLANCES

First say the light of day in the wilds of the Berkshires...When still a tot, roamed five miles from home and had the town constable and his assistants searching for hours.. Spent his early boyhood and high school days in the town of Greenfield...Decided to further his education and entered Mr. Hermon Academy...While at prep school excelled

in dramatics and public speaking... After graduation from Mt. Hermon, tho't He'd like to enroll at Harvard...however, a close pal uncovered all the fine points of I.T.C. and then he decided to give us a break...Possesses a roving instinct enlisted with a shipping company last summer and sailed the seas... Law the most interest ng sections and cities of South America...At the present time is our school authority on South America...Had the unusual opportunity of playing tennis with Walter Hampden, the famous American actor...Apparently got some help from the man from his work on the School stage...Much interested in newspaper work...Favorite pastimes are reading, witnessing dramatic productions, playing tennis, travelling, and weekly visits to Loominster...Best known by his favorite saying "Across the Creek".

Last week's victim, as you all know, was "Cliff" Southworth!

Watch out! You may be next!

Hockey at Fitchburg

With the erection of a regulation rink in the tennis court area the realization of the dreams of Fitchburg Teachers College hockey enthusiasts has come. Coach Maurie Burns has a large squad of "sticksters" out for the team. Manager Art Bixby is drawing up a schedule of games.

An allotment of money has been given the hockey team and certain provisions have been drawn up by the M. A. A. B., the fulfillment of which will determine whether varsity recognition will be given. The organization has made a good start towards this end and if this spirit is continued their good will be realized.

Our Advertisers

Fitchburg Candy Shop
Fitchburg Battery Shop

This issue is the result of archaeological findings.

The Master Mind--(Almost)

The Theory of Relativity
To me is mere simplicity.
The difference 'twixt grand
jigger
I needn't hesitate to figure.
As unerringly as an eagle in its
predatory swoop
I always choose the right spoon
for the correct kind of soup.
While others sweat o'er railroad
tables,
I glean their themes like Aeson's
fables.
Comprehending Gertrude Stein?
(Again I brightly shine.)
Why, I thought of the psychic bid
Before Culbertson ever did!
But why, (may you strike me with
a bat,)
Does a woman invariably wear an
awful hat?

Bernhard Roth

W. A. A. NEWS

The basketball round-robin is under way and the first game has been played. Sen. E-4 team beat the Sen. E-3 team 21-18. Peg Solaine coached the winners and Cappy Disken was the Sen. E-3 coach.

There will be bowling matches late this month, and Cully has planned a swim.

The stunt put on by the W. A. A. was one which did justice to the organization and the performers. Peg certainly can take the hurdles.

Gaveleers

A beano game was enjoed at a recent meeting after the disposal of the loftier material. A speaker at a past meeting suggested the abbreviation of the English language. Well, go ahead. We're willing.

Mohawks

The Mohawk play is progressing well and we urge all our readers to attend.

Thoughts on the New Year

As Janus looked on time gone by
and time to come,
And weighed the lessons of the days
he'd seen,
So do I now, upon the threshold of
the New
Look back into the Old, Time stand-
ing still.

All the love, the courage and the
strength
that I have had and used, I take
with me.
All the beauty I have seen or
made,
The things I wrote to hasten Peace's
return,
All the good friends - these must
come too
Else would the Old be better than
the New.

And I must leave, forgotten, buried
to Eternity
All the hates, the petty things, the
fear
that cluttered up my mind and
stopped my thinking.
But there is more than this, for I
am sure, today
That God will walk with me the
whole long way.

Marvis Thompson

Nature Notes

The Nature Club has announced
that, regardless of the depression
and the ever-burdening strain on
our purses at the busy Christmas
season, the penny drive was com-
paratively successful. The returns
totalled approximately \$5.00. There
were also several games and books
brought in. We thank you for your
cooperation in "putting" this drive
over.

If this January thaw doesn't end
soon, our beautiful new feeding
station will not be appreciated.

Suggestion for the carnival

An inter-dormitory contest in
snow sculpture would not only be
an attraction but would demonstrate
our ability and art appreciation.

To A Good Man

Time's stealing you away from me -
He's restless - stands not still;
Sometimes he'd fly so fast that I
In vain would tame his will.
He's grayed your hair and made you
old,
Relentless, every day he subtly
steals into the house
And moves you a step away.
But Time has ways of working that
seldom a man shall know;
Round and round he travels
Where no one else shall go.
And so, although I lose you
It surely seems that it must be
That someday in his circling
Time will bring you back to me.

Anon.

Library News

The poetry magazine "Caravel", a
copy of which is in our library,
contains two poems written by our
poet laureate, Gertrude M. Harty.

At this time we are pleased to
announce that one of our students
has been very generous and has con-
tributed to the student library
exchange a complete set of the
Reader's Digest for last year. We
are sure you will all enjoy read-
ing the excellent material in the
magazines, and we do wish to ex-
press our sincere thanks to the
kind donor whose name has been
withheld.

Art Club

The technique of poster making
and the forthcoming trip to Boston
will be the main topics of discus-
sion at the next meeting of the
Art Club which will be held on
Wednesday, January 29, at 3 o'clock.

Our Advertisers

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Fitchburg Electric Co.
Miller's Clothing Store
Shea's Theatre
Kendall's Caterers
Universal Theatre
Central Hardware
Nichols and Frost
Mangell's Women's Shop
Long's Men's Furnishings

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SPORT CHATTER

The next home game for Coach Nelson's quintet will come Wednesday night at the Armory. The New Britain Teachers Colleg from Connecticut will furnish the opposition.

This marks the first appearance of New Britain on a Fitchburg basketball schedule. The Green and White defeated the Connecticut nine last Spring, 17-2.

A fine display of College spirit was shown by the students at the Assumption and Rhode Island games. The band pepped things up considerably and the cheer leaders were there with the "goods".

Let us hope that with the added attraction of the fair sex leading us, we'll have the biggest crowd of the year at tonight's game.

F. T. C. has already defeated two Worcester college fives, namely Tech and Assumption. However, the important battle comes in February when Holy Cross pays us a visit at the Armory.

"Laht" Lahtinen at present leads the basketball team in scoring with "Chick" Andrews and Emil Johnson coming second and third, respectively.

To date, the Green and White have amassed a total of 331 points to the 166 of their opponents. This is an average of over 55 points per game which is scoring in anyman's college!

The F. T. C. hockey team opened its season Saturday at Cushing Academy losing the first game 6-1.

We hope that the pucksters will be able to get in some snappy drill on the new rink. Unfortunately the rink has been the victim of thaws, storms, and rain - not the best things for a hockey rink.

The Irish Schoolmasters put in their first local appearance of the season when they tackled the Fitchburg Holy Cross Club. Although forced to accept a 35-20 defeat, the "Fighting Irish" put up a good game. This was a preliminary to the F.T.C.- R. I. game.

The Loons, made up from the Palmer Hall Goons, were defeated by the Hawks, 25-20. This marked the first defeat of the Loons. Rumor has it that the Loons got fighting among themselves and had to go back to the dorm "bearing up" under their defeat.

The inter-class basketball series is now underway. Among the teams that appear strongest to date are the Senior P. A., Junior P. A., and the Sophomore P. A. The big struggle of the week will be between the Senior Grammar Masters (?) and the Junior G. M., champs for the past two years.

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GAVEL RATTLES

Something different at Palmer - the laundry sent back the buttons instead of the shirts.

Aune Salo says there is a man up here who is after his own heart. Ten to one he doesn't get it!

Another of those intellectual romances that start in the library confronts us. The 4D romance of Dot and Ian.

And while we're on that subject watch for the coming explosion??

Orchids to Fitchburg High for the loan of those bleachers. And scullions to the students of F.T.C. who don't support the basketball team.

How about a track team composed of those "runners" in Palmer?

Why doesn't someone start a collection to buy water-wings for the hockey team?

Have you noticed all the smiles lately? Junior Prom is coming!

And was that preliminary to the New Britain game a hot one?

"Ducky" is getting to be quite a Candid Cameraman - ask to see some of his "inside specials".

Has anyone heard the new office cheer? Information gladly furnished at headquarters?

